

IC 12-16-12.5

Chapter 12.5. Hospital Care for the Indigent; County With Health and Hospital Corporation; Responsibility for Medical Cost

IC 12-16-12.5-1

Applicability

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a county having a health and hospital corporation created under IC 16-22-8-6.

As added by P.L.120-2002, SEC.28.

IC 12-16-12.5-2

Responsibility for emergency medical care

Sec. 2. The division is responsible for the emergency medical care given in a hospital to an individual who qualifies for assistance under this chapter, subject to the limitations in IC 12-16-7.5.

As added by P.L.120-2002, SEC.28.

IC 12-16-12.5-3

Transfer of patients

Sec. 3. The hospital providing care shall, subject to the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd), transfer the patient to a hospital operated by the health and hospital corporation as soon as the attending physician determines that the patient's medical condition permits the transfer without injury to the patient.

As added by P.L.120-2002, SEC.28. Amended by P.L.255-2003, SEC.43.

IC 12-16-12.5-4

Inability to treat or care for a requested transfer patient; continuation of treatment; payment of care costs by division

Sec. 4. (a) If a hospital owned by the health and hospital corporation is:

- (1) unable to care for a patient; or
- (2) unable to treat a patient at the time a transfer is requested by the hospital initiating treatment;

the hospital may continue to treat the patient until the patient's discharge.

(b) Subject to the limitations in IC 12-16-7.5, the division shall pay the costs of care.

As added by P.L.120-2002, SEC.28.

IC 12-16-12.5-5

Division not responsible for payment of nonemergency and corporation hospital medical costs; exceptions

Sec. 5. The division is not responsible for the following:

- (1) The payment of nonemergency medical costs, except as provided under the hospital care for the indigent program.
- (2) The payment of medical costs accrued at a hospital owned or operated by a health and hospital corporation, except for

hospital care provided under this chapter to a person not
residing in Marion County.

As added by P.L.120-2002, SEC.28.

IC 12-16-12.5-6 Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.255-2003, SEC.55.)